

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 63 and 65 have been amended herein. Claims 25-47 and 64 have been cancelled herein. Claims 63 and 65-69 are pending in the present application.

### **I. Examiner Interview**

Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the telephone interview granted by the Examiner on August 25, 2008. During the interview, amending independent claims 63 and 65 in order to overcome the rejections under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and under 35 U.S.C. § 101 was discussed. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted the following amendments and remarks in accordance with this discussion. Other points raised during the interview are also included in the comments below.

### **II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 25-47 and 63-69 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Independent claims 63 and 65 have each been amended to be allowable and remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as previously indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2007. Claims 66-69 depend from independent claim 65. Claims 25-47 and 64 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

### **III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, claims 25-27 and 63-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claims 63 and 65 have each been amended to be allowable and remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as recommended by the Examiner in the current Office Action and as previously indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2007. Claims 66-69 depend from independent claim 65. Claims 25-47 and 64 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 101 rejections is respectfully requested.

### **IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

In the Office Action, at pages 3-7, claims 25-27 and 30-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over Lewis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,624) in view of Richter et al.

Claims 25-27 and 30-42 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

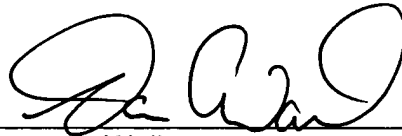
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